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FOR JAMES WALSH

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SUBJECT:

1. WHILE MARTY'S SUDDEN DEATH WAS A SAD AND SHOCKING EXPERIENCE, IT WAS ALSO AN OCCASION WHERE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ACQUAINTANCES SHOWED THEIR HUMANE, SENSITIVE CONCERN FOR PEOPLE. WE HAD AT LEAST FOUR CALLS, TWO BEAUTIFUL FLORAL PIECES FROM STATE DEPT., AND A GREAT EFFORT ON THEIR PART TO GET YOU HOME. THE WHOLE FAMILY GOT TOGETHER TO CONSOLE AND SOFTEN THE BLOW. BOTH YOURSELF AND KATIE, BY TELEPHONE, CONTRIBUTED IMMENSELY. YOUR PHONE CALL ACCOMPLISHED THE IMPOSSIBLE: RICK, STEVE, MIKE, AND FRANCIS ALL AROUSED BEFORE 7:00 A.M. NEXT TO HAVING YOU BACK IN THE USA, TO HEAR YOUR VOICE WAS THE BEST TREAT POSSIBLE. WITH GOD'S HELP YOU'LL SOON BE HOME. TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS. LOVE MOM AND DAD.

2. MCGUIRE CALLED ME MONDAY NIGHT WHEN I GOT BACK FROM N.C. WITH BAD NEWS. ALSO CHUCK WENT INTO HOSPITAL FOR KNEE OPERATION. I TALK TO YOUR MOTHER EVERY WEEK. (CLARKE IS YOUR NEIGHBOR-4540 S. 34-LAST NAME UNKNOWN). PUTTING OFF FIXING VW TO AVOID STORAGE CHARGE (MAY COST \$70 IF CV VALVE). PARTY FOR JOHNSTONS 8/27 AT O'DELLS. JOHN'S 30TH ON 8/25.

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HOPING FOR LABOR DAY RETURN. TAKE CARE. L.O.L. JO ANN.

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